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## WEALDSTONE beat promotion rivals Havant



Michee Efete was celebrating again on Saturday as Wealdstone claimed a significant scalp in their promotion push.

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## Harrow's good start to year ends

**FEARS GROW OF DROPPING INTO BOTTOM THREE**



Harrow Borough fell to defeat on their travels.

Picture: Bruce Viveash

HARROW Borough's unbeaten start to 2020 came to an abrupt end with a lacklustre 2-0 defeat at a Blackfield & Langley side who, like them, are looking over their shoulders in a bid to avoid being in the bottom three. Although recent results have lifted Borough into lower mid-table, a look at a challenging February fixture list should have been enough to spur them onto a better performance. For the same reason, the failure to return with even a point means Saturday's home game against Hartley Wintney takes on even greater importance.

After a poor opening spell in which the visitors were fortunate not to concede, they improved and had the better of the remainder of the opening period, giving their fans reason to be encouraged at the break.

However, Borough again started the second half slowly and this time were punished when Sam Griffin headed in a corner after being afforded a free run by the visitors' defence.

Harrow sought to get back on terms, with Anthony O'Connor having a couple of efforts before a Thomas Scott shot had the keeper beaten, only for it to be blocked.

Barnet loanee Okem Chime was introduced and he twice went close to equalising, first when his cross hit the bar and then shooting narrowly wide of the far post.

However, Harrow were caught with a sucker-punch three minutes from the end when Mitchell Speechley-Price headed in a deep cross unchallenged at the far post.

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# Super Stones down Hawks

WEALDSTONE came from behind twice to claim a stunning 4-2 victory at fellow promotion contenders Havant & Waterlooville to maintain their seven-point lead at the top of National League South.

Having fallen behind early on at Westleigh Park on Saturday, Stones levelled midway through the first half thanks to Michee Efete, only to concede again in the opening stages of the second period. But the visitors responded superbly to claim a vital victory thanks to Moses Emmanuel's brace and a Danny Green goal.

Manager Dean Brennan made two changes to the starting line-up which defeated Welling United the previous weekend, with midfielder Jacob Mendy slotting in for Jake Sheppard at left-back and Ashley Charles coming into midfield for the suspended Michael Phillips.

Wealdstone had the worst possible start to the match, conceding in only the fourth minute as Andy Drury's corner was met by Dean Beckwith, whose effort was adjudged to have crossed the line.

But the visitors levelled in the 25th

minute when left-back Mendy whipped in a teasing cross and man of the moment Efete, who has been in fine form, leapt to power a bullet header past Ross Worner.

Havant gained the upper hand for a second time two minutes after the restart when Drury curled in a free-kick, which was met with a towering header from Danny Kedwell at the far post.

Galvanised into action after falling behind again, Wealdstone increased their intensity and levelled again in the 58th minute when Emmanuel who coolly slotted a low cross past Worner for his first goal for the club.

Emmanuel continued to cause havoc for the Hawks' defence and completed his brace in the 75th minute when he clinically converted after Billy Clifford had won the ball and driven forward.

The visitors were firing on all cylinders and went further ahead when Green popped up in the box to poke home the Stones' fourth goal in the 81st minute.

Stones' Middlesex Senior Cup tie at Staines Town on Tuesday was postponed.

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